

## Tracking Grades

Professors typically decide on the content of each course, and the weight that each course component will carry in determining your final grade. These terms are usually stated in your course syllabus. For example, a professor may decide on the following breakdown:

Course component	% of grade
Papers	25%
Quizzes	15%
Class participation	10%
Group project	5%
Mid-term exam	15%
Final exam	30%

Although you should always study hard and strive to do your best, tracking your expected grade throughout the semester will help you to prioritize your time before exams, as you will have several courses competing for your study time. Determine how much time you will need to study for each course's final exam, depending on your grade near the end of the semester in comparison with other courses. You also want to make sure that you are never at risk of failing a course, which could lead not only for academic probation or dismissal but also to loss of financial aid. If you find that your grade is a "C" or below by the middle of the semester, you should seek help from tutoring services, and get in touch with an advisor or mentor.

Course Name	Papers Grade % x Your Score	Quizzes Grade % x Your Score	Mid-Term Grade % x Your Score	Final Grades % x Your Score	Participation Grade % x Your Score	Other Grade % x Your Score	Grade (Total all %s and see scale below)

Grades are typically based on the following scale.

A	B	C	D	F
90-100%	80-89%	70-79%	60-69	<60



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